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## PATENT SPECIFICATION

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## COMPLETE SPECIFICATION.

## An Improved Jar adapted for the Packing of Salted Herrings.

I, CHARLES BERNEAUD, of 6/7, Kiebitz-gasse, Dantzig, German Nationality, do hereby declare the nature of this invention and in what manner the same is to be performed, to be particularly described and ascertained in and by the following statement:—

This invention relates to containers especially adapted for the packing of salted herrings. Containers made of earthenware or china or containers which have an earthenware or china lining for packing meat, fruit, salmon or other kinds of fish are already known per se the basic idea of such constructions being to avoid any contact of the contents of such containers with the material of such containers which generally are of metal such as tinplate. The said containers were usually of a shallow, cylindrical or elongated shape the fruit or other contents being packed in separate layers therein, one above the other.

There are also containers made of glass which are used for the packing of fish such as salmon or other kinds of fish and which are of tall cylindrical form and provided with a secured-on lid, which are also known.

Salted herrings are a cheap popular food which have hitherto been almost exclusively packed in and sold from open wooden barrels partly filled with salt brine. These open barrels or tuns and consequently their contents were always exposed to contamination by dust and dirt. The salt brine or liquor was nearly always muddy looking and of an unappetising appearance. The whole method of packing such salted herrings as hitherto customary and in daily use was far from hygienic or attractive to the buyer.

According to the present invention an improved form of jar made of non-metallic material preferably glass is made use of for the purpose of packing of salted herrings. The characteristic feature of the invention however lies in the fact that

[Price 1/-]

the shape of the jar is such that a number of salted herrings can be packed and arranged in an upright position one next to the other, say six to 12 herrings, in each said jar, the shape of which more or less approximates to that of a barrel. This barrel shape is the best adapted to the shape of the herrings as the latter are thicker at the middle than at their extremities. The improved jar is also provided near the top edge with an interior groove adapted to allow a closing cover to be inserted therein, and the jar is also provided with several outwardly projecting ribs which greatly reinforce the glass and also improve its appearance. The lid or cover is preferably made of a simple disc of paraffined paste or card-board or the like which is forced into the groove at the top of the container and is also provided with a device adapted to allow it to be withdrawn.

The improved jar for packing herrings is shown in the accompanying drawing in which:

Fig. 1 shows a side elevation thereof partly in longitudinal section;

Fig. 2 shows a plan of an embodiment of a closing cover.

For the purpose of conforming to the shape of the herrings the container *a* which is preferably made of glass, is of the shape of a barrel. A groove *b* is provided near the top edge thereof, said groove serving to accommodate or retain the closing lid or cover *c* to seal in the contents. This lid may consist of paste board or cardboard soaked in paraffin wax, said groove also serving, if desired to retain a strip of material. It may be folded about the lid so as to provide a shorter end *d* which may be fastened to the lid to hold the strip in position. The strip passes under the lid and the longer end projects above the lid and can be used for the removal of such lid *c*. The ribs *e* may be of any number and serve to reinforce the jar and enhance the appearance of the jar itself.

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The advantage is attained with the new packing that the salted herrings are preserved in a perfect shape and condition both during the sale and transport and thus reach the retail dealer in a perfect and appetising condition. This method of packing also makes it possible to offer salted herrings completely covered in salting or brine for sale in any kind of provision merchants and free from the danger of the odour of the salt herrings hitherto offered for sale in open barrels which spoils the taste of other goods exposed near such barrels. Thus the retailer is protected from any possible losses both by the fact that the salted herrings kept well in small packages, and the purchaser receives the benefit of buying only in a relatively small quantity, for example sufficient for say one meal and the herrings will therefore not have to be left open to go wrong or affect other foods by their odour.

There can be no doubt that the improved method of packing the salted herrings makes the sale and consumption thereof a much more hygienic business ensuring a greater consumption of such fish which is of such importance for the feeding of the people and constitutes an improvement of importance in the art of packing herrings for retail sale.

Having now particularly described and ascertained the nature of my said invention and in what manner the same is to be performed, I declare that what I claim is:—

1. A packing jar for salted herrings. made of non-metallic material such as glass curved to the shape of a barrel or substantially to the contour of a herring and adapted to accommodate, for example 6 to 12 salted herrings, disposed in an "on end" or vertical position, said jar being provided near its top edge with an annular groove adapted to receive a closing member, the jar being further provided with a plurality of ribs serving for the reinforcement thereof.

2. A jar as claimed in claim 1 characterized by the fact that a device for lifting the closing member up to remove it from the container is provided.

3. A jar as claimed in claim 1 or 2 constructed substantially as shown in the accompanying drawing.

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Fig. 1.

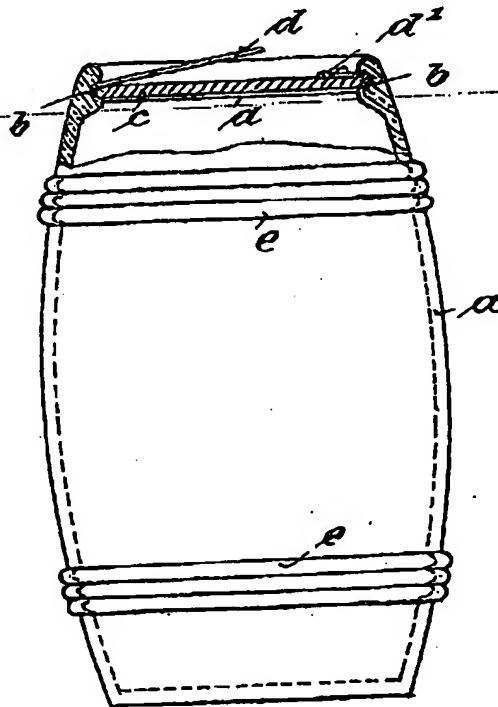
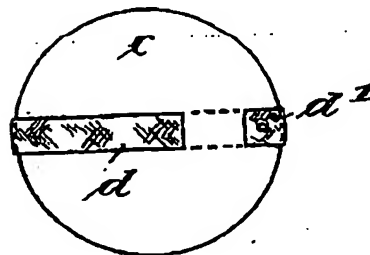


Fig. 2.



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